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WITH COMMON MARKET IN TALKS WITH EC COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

1. SWEDISH COMMERCE MINISTER STAFFAN BURENSTAM LINDER
PAID A 2-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGIUM NOVEMBER 7-8 FOR
TALKS WITH HIS BELGIAN COUNTERPART HECTOR DE BRUYNE AND
EC COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ROY JENKINS.

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2. ACCORDING TO A TT-DPA NEWS AGENCY REPORT FROM BUS-
SELS WHICH APPEARED IN THE SWEDISH PRESS OF NOVEMBER 8,
THE SWEDISH COMMERCE MINISTER PROPOSED TO MR. JENKINS
THAT SWEDEN'S COLLABORATION WITH THE EC (A FREE-TRADE
AGREEMENT) BE EXPANDED.

3. BURENSTAM LINDER REPORTEDLY TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT SUGGEST THAT SWEDEN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COMMON MARKET IN VIEW OF SWEDEN'S NEUTRALITY POLICY, NOR DID HE SUGGEST ANY FIXED FOREIGN POLICY ARRANGEMENT.

4. HE DID, ON THE OTHER HAND, SUGGEST BROADER COLLABORATION AS REGARDS VARIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THE PRESS NOTICES SAID. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SWEDEN COULD RETURN TO THE EUROPEAN MONETARY SNAKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OTHER AREAS MENTIONED WHERE SWEDEN MIGHT ENJOY INTENSIFIED COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMON MARKET WERE RESEARCH (SWEDEN IS ALREADY PARTICIPATING IN THE JET NUCLEAR FUSION PROJECT), INDUSTRIAL POLICY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY.

5. THE SWEDISH COMMERCE MINISTER TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT MR. JENKINS HAD REACTED POSITIVELY TO HIS PROPOSALS.

6. COMMENT. CLOSER COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMON MARKET IN THE FORMS INTIMATED BY COMMERCE MINISTER BURENSTAM LINDER IS IN LINE WITH THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN THE FALLDIN GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION ON TAKING OFFICE IN OCTOBER 1976.

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